

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission**

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DECISION

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Contract - Geologic Drilling

The Department requests Commission approval of a \$44,000 drilling contract to conduct geologic coring for the STATEMAP Geologic Mapping Program. The solicitation was posted on the Targeted Small Business website and sent to five known vendors as well posted in a major state-wide newspapers.

The Iowa Geological and Water Survey (IGWS) has contracted out for drilling for the past ten years. Drilling for FY08 STATEMAP projects includes surficial drilling in Bremer, Butler, Black Hawk and Scott counties.

Funding for this contract is available from the IGS general fund and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) as part of the 50% match for STATEMAP contracts.

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INFORMAL COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION For Drilling Project

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa Geological and Water Survey Office (IGWS) is soliciting competitive bids from drilling companies to provide contract drilling throughout the State of Iowa.

Description of Work and Scope of Services: The contractor will utilize 4.25 I.D. hollow stem augers, in conjunction with a five foot long 3 inch diameter laskey continuous sampler. The cores must be collected in clear plastic liners (copolyester) with caps provided. Upon completion of each core the contractor must plug boreholes with bentonite grout or chips. Core depths will range from 30 feet to 120 feet. Contractors must have the ability to mud rotary drill in addition to continuous sampling and must be able to decontaminate drilling equipment onsite if necessary. The Contractor must have a State of Iowa certified well contractor on site at all time during the work. The Contractor should have an all-terrain drill rig available, as that equipment may be necessary to obtain core from some locations. Drilling will occur in 4 Iowa Counties: Bremer, Scott, Butler and Black Hawk. Geological Survey staff will be responsible for utility locates on all drilling sites, which in most cases will be in rural settings.

Proposed Project Schedule: Coring will take place in the November and December 2008 with an estimated footage of approximately 1500 feet for the project. Coring may continue into the spring of 2009 according to a schedule agreed upon by the IGWS project manager and the contractor. The Agency anticipates that the term of any resulting contract will be one year, with possible renewals.

Submission of Proposals: Proposals should include the Service Provider's cost proposal and sufficient information regarding the Service Provider's ability to perform the services sought to enable the DNR to make a judgment about the Service Provider's ability to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services. If possible, please submit a bid at a flat rate per foot which includes mobilization, demobilization, drilling, sampling, borehole abandonment, travel time and per diem costs associated with the project. The Service Provider also should include references with its proposal.

Service Providers interested in providing these services should submit proposals to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa Geological and Water Survey Office (IGWS) at the following address:

Deborah Quade
IDNR - Geological and Water Survey Office
109 Trowbridge Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1319

Proposal should be submitted no later than 3:00 pm (local time) on November 7, 2008. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Service Provider. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Service Provider.

From the date of issuance of this Informal Competitive Solicitation until announcement of the successful Service Provider, Service Providers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this RFP other than the identified contact person. Service Providers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Informal Competitive Solicitation and the procurement process to Deborah Quade at the above address. Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Service Providers. If a Service Provider or someone acting on a Service Provider's behalf attempts to discuss this RFP orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, then the Service Provider may be disqualified.

Miscellaneous Information: The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this Informal Competitive Solicitation at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Service Provider may be treated as a public record by the Agency unless the Service Provider properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.